COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Legislative Session of Makaram 1101.

Friday, the 5th of February 1926.
23rd of Makaram 1101.

The Council met in the Council Chamber, Town Hall Ernakulam, at 11-30 a. m. on the 23rd of Makaram 1101, corresponding to the 5th of February 1926. The Diwan-President presided. Messrs. C. Achyuta Menon, C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri, K. Krishna Menon, Lonappan Chakkola, P. Munda Vaydian, K. Sankaran Nambudiri and H. J. Walmesly were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Adoptions in Cranganur.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

271. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) Whether the Cranganur Chief had granted *Theetturams* recognising adoption within the limits of Cranganur in the years 992, 1021, 1041 and 1051 ?

(b) Whether any such *Theetturams* have been granted on any occasions other than those referred to above, and if so, when ?

(c) Whether there was any dispute in 1074—75 as to who should grant the *Theetturams*, when the Karoor family in Lokamaleswaram became extinct ? If so, how was it settled ?

(d) Who granted the *Theetturam*, when the family of Murkanikara Subrahmanian became extinct in 1093 ? If there is any change of authority on this occasion, what is the reason for the change ?

(e) Did the Cranganur Chief complain on this occasion ?

(f) Whether any final decision has been arrived at as to who is the proper authority for the grant of such *Theetturams* ? If so, where should the people of Cranganur apply for *Theetturams* on future occasions?

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Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

The question has reference to a matter affecting the relations of His Highness the Maharaja and the Cranganur Chief, and cannot be answered consistently with public interests.

The Election of the Chairman of the Trichur Municipality in 1099.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

272. (a) Is the Government aware that in the election of Chairman by the members of the Trichur Municipality in 1099 the official members did not take part or vote ?

(b) Had the Government issued any instruction to remain neutral in the matter ? If so, what were the reasons to inaugurate this policy ?

(c) Is there any change this time in the matter ? If so, why ?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

(a) On a reference now made, the Chairman has reported that the official members did not take part in the election.

(b) The Diwan had suggested like that to the official members. Communal dissensions at the time indicated that that would be the right policy.

(c) Government did not consider that such policy need be adhered to.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

Part (b). Were not the rival candidates for the Chairman's place in 1099 Messrs. Kochugovinda Marar and Dr. A. R. Menon ?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

Government had no information that Mr. Kochugovinda Marar was the candidate.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

Then what was the nature of the communal dissensions ?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

The dissension was between different communities.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

Which communities ?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

The communities in the Town.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

Answer to sub-division (c). In 1101, were not the rival candidates Messrs. Sangu Wariar and C. A Ouseph ?

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